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MILK PRODUCTION



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MINNESOTA'S JUNE MILK OUTPUT DOWN 2 PERCENT

June 2004 milk production totaled 681 million pounds in Minnesota, down 2 percent from the 696 million pounds produced in June 2003, according to the Minnesota Agricultural Statistics Service. Revised May milk output was 715 million pounds.

Minnesota production per cow averaged 1,480 pounds in June 2004, up 15 pounds from last June. The revised May rate was 1,555 pounds per cow. The average number of milk cows on farms in Minnesota during June 2004 was 460,000 head, the same as May, but 15,000 below a year ago.

Accumulated Minnesota milk production for the first 6 months of 2004 was 4.14 billion pounds, down 3 percent from the same period a year ago.

JUNE MILK PRODUCTION DOWN SLIGHTLY IN MAJOR STATES

Milk production during June 2004 totaled 12.41 billion pounds, down less than half of 1 percent from June 2003 in the 20 major states. Revised May production for the 20 states was 13.01 billion pounds. Production per cow in the 20 states averaged 1,603 pounds during June 2004, up 7 pounds from June 2003. Revised May output per cow was 1,684 pounds. The number of milk cows in the 20 major states during June averaged 7.74 million head, down 44,000 from a year ago.

Accumulated milk production in the 20 major states for the first 6 months of 2004 was 75.08 billion pounds, down less than half of 1 percent from the same period a year ago.

MILK PRODUCTION, MAJOR STATES

	MILK COWS			RATE PER COW			MILK PRODUCTION			
State	June 2003	May 2004 Rev.	June 2004	June 2003	May 2004 Rev.	June 2004	June 2003	May 2004 Rev.	June 2004	2004 as % of 2003
	Thousand Head			<u>Pounds</u>			Million Pounds			<u>Percent</u>
CA	1,684	1,720	1,725	1,765	1,830	1,755	2,972	3,148	3,027	102
ID	407	417	422	1,840	1,850	1,820	749	771	768	103
MN	475	460	460	1,465	1,555	1,480	696	715	681	98
NY	675	655	656	1,500	1,580	1,500	1,013	1,035	984	97
PA	578	557	557	1,480	1,605	1,495	855	894	833	97
WI	1,256	1,243	1,243	1,505	1,545	1,490	1,890	1,920	1,852	98
20 States	7,785	7,722	7,741	1,596	1,684	1,603	12,428	13,007	12,409	100